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DEPT PASS CAIRO

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SUBJ: PLO DENOUNCES CAIRO SUMMIT

REF: BEIRUT 10672 AND 10096 (NOTALS)

1. PLO (WAFA) NEWS AGENCY SEPT 10 RELEASED TEXT OF EDITORIAL
DUE TO APPEAR IN SEPT 12 ISSUE OF PLO WEEKLY PALESTINE
REVOLUTION CONDEMNING IN ADVANCE ANY ARAB RECONCILIATION WITH
JORDAN. EDITORIAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PIX OF SEPT 1970 "MASSACRES"
IN JORDAN "IN ORDER TO REFRESH MEMORIES OF THOSE WHO MAY HAVE
FORGOTTEN".

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2. EDITORIAL WARNS THAT ANY ARRANGEMENT RECONSTITUTING EASTERN FRONT THAT MAY EMERGE FROM CAIRO SUMMIT WILL BE "DIRECTED MORE AGAINST RESISTANCE, IRAQ AND SYRIA THAN AGAINST ZIONIST ENEMY". OBSERVING THAT PALESTINIANS MUST FIGHT ON TWO FRONTS, AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND AGAINST "ARAB TUTELEGE IMPOSED ON US SINCE 1936", PALESTINE REVOLUTION CLAIMED THAT "SINCE 1965 OUR REVOLUTION HAS ENABLED US TO REPLACE OUR FORMER TITLE OF REFUGEES WITH THAT OF PALESTINE REVOLUTIONARIES, WHO HAVE ESCAPED FROM ALL ARAB AND FOREIGN INFLUENCES".

3. RINGING TONES OF THIS DECLARATION OF FEDAYEEN INDEPENDENCE WERE TEMPERED SOMEWHAT BY EDITORIAL'S EXPRESSION OF FEAR THAT "ARAB REGIMES ARE THINKING SERIOUSLY OF WITHDRAWING SUPPORT FROM FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT RAPPROCHEMENT WITH JORDAN WOULD BE "AN UNDERHANDED RATIFICATION OF DEFEATISM, ACCOMPLISHED AT PALESTINIAN EXPENSE".

4. EDITORIAL TONE AND MANNER OF PRESENTATION, WHICH COINCIDE WITH RANTINGS OF VOICE OF PALESTINE FROM BAGHDAD AND CAIRO (FBIS .102020 AND M102009), SUGGEST FATAH/PLO LEADERSHIP HAS DECIDED PLAY ALONG WITH DIE-HARD SENTIMENT IN FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT, IN CONTRAST WITH SYRIAN-CONTROLLED SA'IQA (BEIRUT 10672). REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THIS ADAMANT STAND AGAINST EXPECTED RESULTS OF CAIRO SUMMIT WILL BE CARRIED BY 'ARAFAT AND HIS FEDAYEEN SUPPORTERS TO POINT WHERE IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM CERTAIN ARAB GOVTS.
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